

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Practicing solo seq.
6,7,8,9,10,13,15,16,17,20,22

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C observed over scene of crash "quite high". Exhaust and engine noise increased and a/c went into a steep dive in which it continued and struck the ground. During dive portion of port wing came away.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~59. Obscure.~~

23 Not known 23.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~28. Structural failure.~~

~~17. Disobedience of standing orders.~~

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil.

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COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

CIRCUMSTANCES.: A/C crashed as a result of loss, in flight, of a major portion of the outboard section of the port wing.

CAUSE: Port wing failed due to damage to wing structure caused by a previous collision with some object.

RECOMMENDATIONS. Revision of system of recording refuelling and take-off times necessary at this unit.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. Cause of breakage of port wing is considered obscure. On the evidence available it appears that the a/c fell out of control and structural failure ensued as the result of stress imposed in recovery from a very high speed dive.

Note: I.O. found violation by pilot of flying regulations although not borne by evidence.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil